

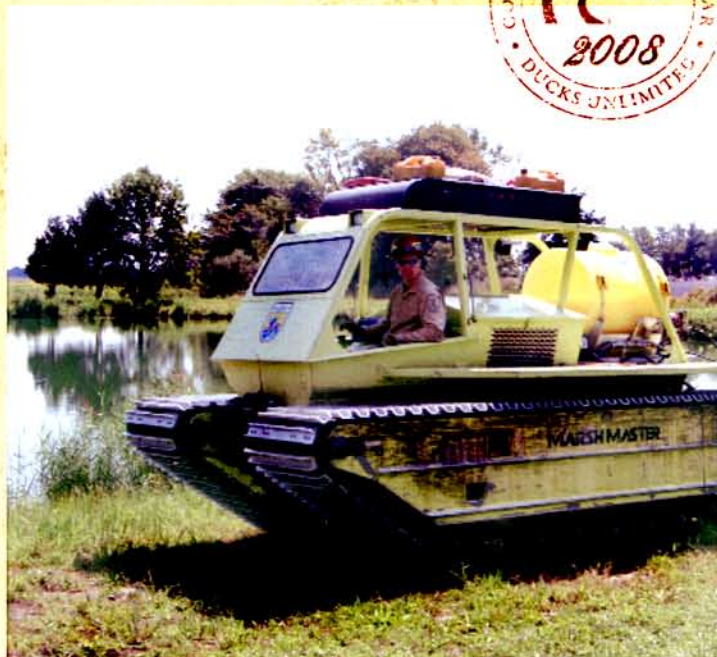


New Jersey Conservationist of the Year: **ERIC SCHRADING**

The 2007 Conservationist of the Year, Eric Schrading, devotes as much time and energy toward habitat restoration throughout New Jersey as he does his rigorous triathlon schedule. This may be hard to believe, given he has finished the grueling Ironman World Championship in Hawaii three times, but Eric tirelessly restores wetlands and associated habitats that benefit waterfowl and other wildlife. Needless to say, he is a key asset to the DU team.

Eric joined the ranks of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in 1994, serving first in federal activities and then in private lands restoration. He has been the private lands coordinator with the New Jersey Field Office for eight years and his focus is on-the-ground, low-cost habitat restoration and invasive species control. As a result of his hard work, Eric was presented the Eagle Award from USFWS for exemplary leadership in promoting and implementing the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program.

Since its inception in 1991, PFW in New Jersey has helped restore more than 6,500 acres of wetlands, 3,000 acres of uplands and 49 miles of riparian buffers, and Eric has been an integral part of that success. Ducks Unlimited would like to thank Eric for his support in conserving waterfowl and wildlife habitat throughout New Jersey, and we look forward to utilizing his valuable efforts and experience on joint projects in the future.



Pictured: Eric Schrading sits atop a Marsh Master, primed and ready to conserve New Jersey's wildlife habitats.



*Ducks Unlimited conserves, restores and
manages wetlands and associated habitats
for North America's waterfowl.
These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people.*



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